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Behind every veteran is a story that deserves to be heard. Our latest podcast episodes continue the tradition of uncovering the truths and triumphs within our community. Your engagement doesn't just increase our reach—it validates the history and the future of those we serve. We encourage you to enjoy this content and share it through your organization's social networks.

Here are summaries and links to the four most recent episodes, listed from oldest to newest:

Voices on the Hill: Introducing the DAV Advocacy Team

Host Matt Saintsing introduces DAV's new legislative leadership, including National Legislative Director Jon Retzer and Deputy Legislative Director Naomi Mathis. This episode explores how their lived experiences as disabled veterans drive advocacy on Capitol Hill, while breaking down the impact of three new laws. You'll also meet the policy experts managing portfolios from toxic exposure to veteran healthcare.

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Your Rating, Your Rights: Mastering the VA's Combined Ratings Schedule

Why don't your disability ratings always add up to 100%? In this episode, host Jonathan Kaupanger and Assistant National Service Director Andrew Clark dive into the complexities of the VA's Schedule for Rating Disabilities. Discover the logic behind the Combined Ratings Table, how to avoid the trap of diminishing returns, and the vital role DAV service officers play in identifying errors and filing successful claims.

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From Ramadi to Ayahuasca

Host Matt Saintsing sits down with combat veteran Justin for a raw look at his journey from the front lines of Fallujah to a decade-long struggle with PTSD and substance abuse. Justin shares how a profound experience with psychedelic medicine shifted his perspective, revealing that his deepest trauma rooted back to childhood. Now a spiritual chaplain, he discusses his mission to help others heal through Save A Warrior and psychedelic integration.

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It's Medicine, Not Dope: A Veteran's Truth About Healing from Trauma

Can modern medicine create new "train tracks" for a veteran's brain? Join us as Gigi, a 22-year Army veteran, discusses her long road from the depths of depression and anxiety to a life-changing recovery. This episode breaks down the stigma surrounding mental health treatments and reinforces a vital message: seeking help isn't a sign of weakness—it's a path to resilience.

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